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## WITH GENERAL LAWTON.

Bates County Boy's Tough Experience at Santiago.

Yellow Fever, Now Down With Typhoid.

Walter C. Shields, who faced Spanish bullets on San Juan Hill was in the trenches fronting Santiago at the time of Toral's surrender, is now lying at his father's home near Amsterdam with typhoid fever, and in his delirium charging breastworks and cutting those with barbed wire fences.

He enlisted in Co. H, U. S. regulars, at Denver, Col., in the fall of '97. This company was detailed to Lawton's command and was on the transports that landed on the Cuban coast. They were in the thick of the fight and bore all the privations incident to that campaign until the capitulation of that island.

Walter Shields was then stricken with yellow fever, which ran its course in fifteen days, leaving him very weak, emaciated condition. He was brought home on the transport Yucatan and landed at Monticello Point Sept. 2nd. He was given rough for 30 days and landed in Kansas City with typhoid fever, where he was met by his father and conveyed to his home.

Walter C. Shields is the son of T. Shields, a resident of our county 25 years. He was born in Bates county and spent the greater part of his life on his father's farm. He is of a fighting family, two of his uncles gave their lives to the Union in the last war. The doctors in attendance say he is doing nicely and have strong hopes of his getting well, which is the ardent hope of his people.

Mrs. Plumb Helped a Sick Soldier.

Topeka, Kas., Sept. 16.—While returning home from Denver to Emporia a few days ago, Mrs. Plumb, widow of the late United States Cavalry Plumb, found a sick soldier on the train. She had the young soldier taken to her berth in the Pullman and ministered to his wants during the long, tiresome journey across the state. She telegraphed to her nephew and he accompanied the invalid, Frank Gibson, to her home in Winfield. When asked concerning her action, Mrs. Plumb said: "Place the young man in good beds and have him cured; then all charges will be paid."

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## FARMER AND ROBBER KILLED IN A FIGHT.

Chas. Duffner of Dallas County Had a Desperate Struggle With Bandits.

### CUT ONE MAN'S THROAT.

After that He Was Shot in the Back by a Confederate.

Springfield, Mo., Sept. 16.—News reached this city to-day of a tragedy which occurred at 6 o'clock Thursday evening at the home of Charles Duffner, five miles north of Fair Grove in Dallas county, in which Mr. Duffner and an unknown robber lost their lives. Charles Duffner is one of the most prominent farmers in Dallas county. He went to Europe August 4 with his daughter. Mr. Duffner returned home last Monday and deposited a sum of money in the bank at Springfield.

Wednesday morning a stranger called at the home of Mr. Duffner and bought some wine of Mrs. Duffner. He said he would call again in the evening after some more wine. At about 6:30 o'clock that evening Mr. and Mrs. Duffner were in the yard when two men walked in and demanded money. The men wore false whiskers, and Mr. Duffner only laughed at the demand and Mrs. D. stepped up to one of the men and pulled off the false whiskers, whereupon the fellow drew a revolver and fired at her, the bullet grazing the side of her head.

Mr. Duffner jumped on the man and a fight ensued. Otto Duffner, a grown son, seized the other man by the arms from behind and kept him from using his gun. Mr. Duffner succeeded in getting his knife from his pocket and slashed the man across the throat, from the effects of which he died a few minutes later.

Young Duffner called his father to his assistance and he rushed at the second robber and slashed his neck with the knife, but the wound was not serious and before he could strike again, a third robber, who had been standing in the road, approached and shot Mr. Duffner twice in the back, killing him almost instantly.

Stanley and Potter, two neighbors, were about a quarter of a mile down the road when they heard seven shots. They stopped and in a few minutes the little daughter of Mr. Duffner came down the road crying that robbers were killing her father. They at once returned and met Otto Duffner, who said his father had been killed by three robbers and requested them to go in pursuit of the murderers. They went to the yard where the fight occurred and found Mr. Duffner dead and one of the robbers bathed in his own blood, barely breathing. The fellow had his eyes open, but would not talk. Stanley, accompanied by Potter and his brother, started in pursuit of the two robbers and followed them for eight miles, when the trail was lost and they returned. The wounded robber was still living and about 50 men and gathered by this time but failed to recognize the fellow. They asked him many questions, but he only stared at them. He finally asked for a drink of water, but before they gave it to him he expired. He was a large, heavy set man with a dark mustache. There was nothing on his person by which he could be identified.

At 1 o'clock a. m. the Sheriff arrived and organized a posse and started in pursuit of the robbers. The body of the dead robber was taken to Buffalo by order of the Sheriff. It is believed the posse will capture the two robbers as one of the fellows has a bad cut on his throat, and it will be a hard matter for him to escape. The wounded lost his revolver in the fight, and will not be able to make much of a resistance if overtaken. The men are evidently strangers in that vicinity, as no one is able to identify the dead robber.

About two weeks ago a farmer, living seven miles from Mr. Duffner's home, was robbed by three men wearing false whiskers and answering the same description.

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## CAPTAIN ALLYN CAPRON DIED AT FORT MEYER.

Was in Command of a Famous Battery in the Battle of Santiago.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Captain Allyn Capron, First Artillery, died at his home, near Fort Myer, Va., to-day.

Captain Capron was one of the best known officers in the regular army. He had devoted himself particularly to the artillery branch of the service, having been an honor graduate of the Artillery School in 1873, and was regarded as an authority on artillery tactics. When General Shafter's corps went to Santiago Captain Capron accompanied it, and his battery did notably fine work in the battle of Santiago. During the first day's fight, Captain Capron's son, Captain Allyn K. Capron of the Rough Riders, was killed.

The death of his son preyed upon the father's mind, but he never swerved for an instant from his duty in the terrible days that followed. The seeds of disease were sown in his system during the Cuban campaign, and he returned to his home at Fort Meyer, near this city, only to be stricken down with typhoid fever. His death occurred about 12 o'clock to-day.

## JACK THE RIPPER

Again at Work in Nevada. Post 15th.

Wednesday night the premises of J. E. Smith living 6 miles north of town, were visited by Jack the Ripper or some scoundrel essaying that fiend's particular role.

A fine cow belonging to Mr. Smith was found next morning in his barn yard completely disemboweled in a manner similar to that pursued in Nevada some weeks ago. The poor animal was still alive when found, but she had to be killed. There is no clue to the perpetrator of the outrage.

Sultan is Made to Accede.

Candia, Island of Crete, Sept. 18.—The sultan has ordered Djavad Pasha, the military commander in Crete, to accede to the demand of the British admiral, Gerard Henry Noel, for disarmament, thus complying with the whole ultimatum of the admiral. A British military detachment to day occupied the entrance to the fort and it is rumored that the Ottoman troops will be withdrawn and a British force will occupy the town.

Among the prisoners already handed over to Admiral Noel are two who are credited with being ringleaders in the attack on the British camp.

### Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at H. L. Tucker's Drug Store. Large bottles 50c and \$1.

## No Missouri Day at Omaha.

Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 16.—There will be no Missouri day at the Omaha exposition. The matter has been finally determined, and Mr. Sterritt, chairman of the Missouri commission, so wrote Secretary M. V. Carroll to-day. Sufficient interest in the matter could not be aroused to guarantee success, and it was with great reluctance that the plan was finally abandoned, so the imperial state of the Mississippi valley will not have a day at the only distinctively western exposition ever held.

### Deepwater Items.

Like Varnes of Pleasant Gap, purchased some hogs from Grandma Wilker, last Thursday.

Commie Coleman made a trip to Montrose Friday on business.

Mr. Will McCool and wife, of Kansas City, visited at the home of his uncle, W. H. Shelton, last week.

Caleb McComie and Miss Nettie Enslay eloped and were married in Kansas Sept. 9th. They have the best wishes of their many friends through life's dull pathway.

S. W. Gilliland went to Montrose on business last Friday.

Several of our young people are reported as chilling this week.

George Allison sports a new spring wagon.

Henry Zimmers has quit threshing and gone into the sorghum business. He says that pleases the girls best "sweet boy."

Grandma Wilker leaves this week for a few days visit to Vernon county with her daughter, Mrs. John Allison.

H. P. Callahan, the Johnstown drummer, spent last week on the road and reports a good trade.

Russel Thomas has started a new barber shop at Johnstown. Give him a call.

W. H. Shelton and wife also W. H. Zimmers and son, Frank, took in the vicinity of Spruce last Saturday.

Humphrey Gutridge, the first-class merchant of Spruce, is having a fine rock store erected and will move his stock of goods as soon as finished.

Ed Chambers is the proud possessor of a new buggy.

Mrs. Bassett who has been quite sick, is now convalescent.

D. H. Kash has purchased a farm near Metz.

Nate Coleman and wife have friends visiting them from Clinton.

The Elm Grove school commenced Sept. 12 with Mrs. Sue Fletcher as teacher.

Gus McCool, who has been threshing in Oklahoma, is on the road home.

The Johnstown school is progressing nicely under the auspices of Mrs. Bettie Hart.

Misses Nettie and Belle Johnston, were the guest of Misses Gertie and Lulu Shelton last Sunday.

Engene Greene from Illinois, is visiting his uncle, John Green, near Spruce this week.

The ice cream supper Sunday night at Germantown Catholic church was a grand success. Profits were for the benefit of the priest.

Henry Parker, the home barber living near Germantown, wishes to say to the boys that Saturday is the day that he receives customers.

Died, at his home, on last Friday, Uncle Nick Choate, an old and highly respected citizen. Funeral services conducted by Elder Moore at the Johnstown M. E. church on Saturday, after which the remains were followed to their last resting place in the Johnstown cemetery beside his wife and daughter, by a large concourse of sympathizing friends. ROSE.

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### Public Sale.

I will sell at public sale on my place one mile and one half southwest of Nyhart, on Thursday, September 22, 1898, the following property, to-wit: 35 head of hogs, consisting of 6 brood sows, 28 shoats, and one thoroughbred Poland China boar, one mammoth Jack, 15 hands and 1 inch high, an extra good breeder; one Baid wagon, one two seated surrey, one disc harrow, one corn planter and check rower, 2 breaking plows, 2 cultivators, one steel frame harrow, one cook stove, one coal heating stove, other household goods, corn in field and oats in bin, 1 set wagon harness, some thoroughbred silver Wyandott chickens.

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